



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Nicole Soderholm
Bob Simonet
Cheryl Braun
Pat Cavanaugh
Mike MacDonald
Steve Duerre
Mary Lilly
Michelle Ulrich
David Arbeit
Richard Weil

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Anna Eleria, CRWD
Joe Collins, CRWD
Sarah Wein, CRWD
Vanessa Baratta, Visitor

Members absent:

Gwen Willems w/notice
Tom Elko w/notice

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Mr. Duerre opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Duerre asked for any announcements or updates.

II. Public Comment for Issues Not on the Agenda

Mr. Durre asked for comments not on the agenda. Mr. Doneux added a staff update. Bob Fossum will be taking an eighteen-month leave of absence, and Andy Novak will be leaving the District for a position with another governmental unit.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 20-007 Motion: *To approve the CAC February 12, 2020 agenda.*

MacDonald/Simonet
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. January 8, 2020 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 20-008 Motion: *To approve the January 8, 2020 CAC Meeting Minutes.*

MacDonald/Simonet
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A. Watershed Management Plan-Draft Implementation Table (Eleria)

CRWD staff made changes to the draft table based on comments received to date and expanded it to include several other pieces of critical information. The additional pieces of information include target subwatershed location, partners, measurable outputs/outcomes, schedule and budget. The 10-year budget is broken out by year and a 10-year total. The budget estimates reflect CRWD costs only and are based on estimates from existing CRWD and partner plans, 2020 budget, and knowledge and experience with similar activities. In addition, an annual increase of 3% was incorporated to reflect inflation. Ms. Eleria further explained that she will be bringing back to the CAC for its review the complete draft watershed management plan which includes the required statutory and rule elements.

B. Lakes Report Update (Wein)

In 2019, CRWD, in partnership with RCPW and the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Division, collected chemical, physical, and biological data from all five District lakes. They include: Como Lake, Crosby Lake, Little Crosby Lake, and Loeb Lake in St. Paul, and Lake McCarrons in Roseville. Data collected included: dissolved oxygen, total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a, temperature, Secchi depth, phytoplankton, zooplankton, macrophyte samples, biovolume surveys of vegetation, and continuous water level data.

All of the lakes data collected in 2019 have been analyzed and summarized. Historical lake data and summer average total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a, and Secchi depth calculations are also available online via the CRWD Water Data Portal. An update will be given on 2019 lake monitoring, 2019 lake quality in comparison to the historical data record, 2019 accomplishments, and 2020 initiatives.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A. Street Sweeping Talk Update (Cavanaugh)

Ms. Cavanaugh explained there are three panelists for the street sweeping forum. They include a representative from EOR; Professor Sarah Hobbie, U of M; Matt Morreim, St. Paul Public Works. Ms. Cavanaugh updated the Board at its last meeting on the forum, noting the Board expressed its

support for the program. It is likely that the forum presentation would occur sometime in the fall of 2020.

B. Service-Learning Update (Lilly)

Ms. Lilly explained we do not have a service-learning student for this spring. It is possible that the District may consider enlisting high school students for this program. Ms. Lilly will be discussing options with District staff in the future. The St. Paul Right Track Program was brought up as a possibility for student sources.

C. Watershed Steward Awards Update (Doneux)

Mr. Doneux explained the biggest change this year was that the program focused only on the winners. This was because the District had a lack of nominees. Mr. Arbeit suggested we acknowledge other nominees for awards and give them honorable mention. Mr. Doneux suggested when nominations close, we notify each one that they were nominated. By this summer we should decide on program changes for the next awards' ceremony.

VII. Project and Program Updates

None

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh attended the Board's February 5, 2020 meeting, highlighting Forrest Kelley's presentation on Como Park BMP's, and discussion on the draft watershed management plan.

IX. Discussion

A. New & Old Issues

Mr. MacDonald welcomed CAC meeting attendee, Vanessa Baratta, to become a member of the CAC. Mr. MacDonald also suggested that the CAC brochure be updated to reflect current conditions.

B. CAC Observer for February 19, 2020 and March 4, 2020 Board of Managers Meetings

Ms. Braun volunteered to attend the February 19, 2020 Board meeting; Ms. Lilly volunteered to attend the March 4, 2020 Board meeting.

X. Adjourn

CAC 20-009 Motion: *To adjourn the February 13, 2020, CAC Meeting.*

Arbeit/MacDonald

Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Ulrich

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